

Celebrating The Year of Saint Joseph



A Prayer of Blessing for Married Couples

We praise you, O God,
we bless you, Creator of all things,
who in the beginning made man and woman
that they might form a communion of life and love.
We give you thanks for graciously blessing the family life
of your servants who have said yes to the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony,
so that it might present an image of Christ's union with the Church.

Monthly Theme

*Husband of
Mary*

October 2

Guardian Angels

October 3

Respect Life Sunday

October 4

St. Francis of Assisi

October 7

*Our Lady of the
Rosary*

October 18

St. Luke

October 19

*Ss. John de Brébeuf,
Isaac Jogues, and
Companions*

October 24

*Diocesan Wedding
Anniversary Mass*

October 28

Ss. Simon & Jude

Therefore look with kindness upon them this day and every day,
and as you have sustained their communion amid joys and struggles,
renew their Marriage covenant,
increase their charity,
and strengthen in them the bond of peace,
so that together with the circle of family and friends that surrounds them,
they may for ever enjoy your blessing.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We congratulate all couples who will celebrate their 50th, 60th, or 70th anniversary of marriage this year! May Joseph and Mary be an example of love and sacrifice for us all!

A Prayer to Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest Saint Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life—especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

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As faithful "Husband of Mary" and father, Joseph cared for the Holy Family and defended life. How might we do the same to support families and to support lives in our circle of influence and care? This month, we offer a few suggestions.



Care for What God has Created

While the "Season of Creation" will come to an end on October 4th, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the work of caring for God's creation is never done! Why not choose an area of your community and clean it up with family and friends?

Support Life — Support Lives

Have your family or even neighborhood collect money from water and soda bottle returns or another creative way to buy diapers or other supplies for mom and baby. Consider supporting your local St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center with your donations. Contact them at (716) 842-2229 or <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/st-gianna/>



Calling All in Need!

A call on the phone or a call to God in prayer can be a welcome gift for someone who is isolated or feeling lonely for any reason. A quick note of encouragement to let them know they have your prayers can make all the difference in the world! Perhaps your family or parish could start a "prayer line" for specific intercessions. All of us need prayer!

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